

Younkin Family News Bulletin

A Tribute to Our Family



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Donna Younkin Logan, publisher

Computer Age Technology Helps Family Tree Grow!

I have had such fun recently, I just have to tell you about it. In mid-February I joined the computer network PRODIGY (you've probably seen it advertised on TV by Sears, its owner). People from all over the country can exchange information, via their computers and telephone devices called modems, with other members sharing a common interest. Some of the topics are sports, finance, the arts, etc., but the reason I joined was that they have a *genealogy interest group*.

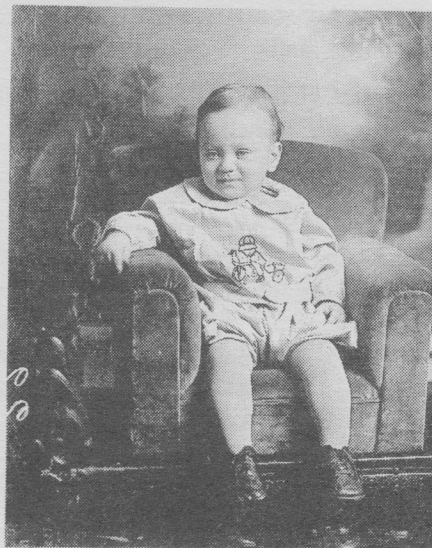
To give you a little background, I have been a member of a similar network called GENie (run by General Electric) which also has a genealogy interest group. I have been on this network for over six years, but in all that time I have never found anyone researching our family.

Well, I wasn't on this PRODIGY system more than a week before Younkins were coming out all over the place — what a wonderful surprise! People from all over the country were posting notes asking about this Younkin family and that Youngkin family. Some had relatives that married Younkins and some had just "run across" the name in their own family research in areas where our family lived and wanted to help if they could.

Some of our longstanding members are also on Prodigy: Elaine "IMAY" Murphy, Brunswick Hills, OH; Merrill Younkin, Edmunds, WA; Della Shafer, Haysville, KS.; and Bob Steele, Alliance, Ohio. So it's been fun exchanging notes with them too. And I think they have enjoyed watching the new Prodigy cousins challenge me to come up with their Younkin lineage. And it's been quite a challenge in several cases! Take for instance Randy and Cathie Young-Kin (yes, they actually spell their name with the hyphen!), part of their first Prodigy note to me went something like this: "My name is Cathie Young-Kin...I married Randall Alan Young-Kin, his brother is George "Skip", of Ridgecrest, CA., his sister Carol "Candy" (Young-Kin) Russell, lives in Tampa, FL., and we live in Baton Rouge, LA. ...Their family is from Muncie, Indiana. I don't know if there any more Young-Kins left in Indiana or not. We spell ours with a hyphen, and not too many of them do. I know there is another "Younkin" living in Tampa, Florida, because her son served in the Gulf War when Randy was there. Randy was there for 10 months, and retired from the Army in July with 20 years. I know Randy's dad, George Oliver, served in World War II."

In addition to giving a few more details on Randy's family

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Donald Robert Younkin
Great Great Grandson of Rudolph
(see Letters to the Editor, page 9)

Important News !

- Everyone should have the Somerset reunion notice, if you haven't received one, please call or write and I'll send one out right away!
- **Somerset Reunion**, July 30, 31, Aug. 1 — first 100 families registered receive a commemorative reunion cup (one per family)
- **Bucks County Mini-Reunion** — I will hold this Mini-Reunion again on Fri. & Sat., July 23 and 24th (see information in last issue) if there is any interest. To date no one has indicated they would *definitely* attend! Several have indicated interest, but no *definites*! Suggested places to stay would be Holiday Inn (either Allentown or Bethlehem, Pa.) or the Quakertown Best Western. We will need to get an early start on Friday morning so I would suggest staying Thursday evening. Itinerary sent on request! If you would like to attend, please call or write *soon*.
- **Family Crest Tee Shirt-Sweatshirts order information**, Page 11. **DEADLINE June 10!**

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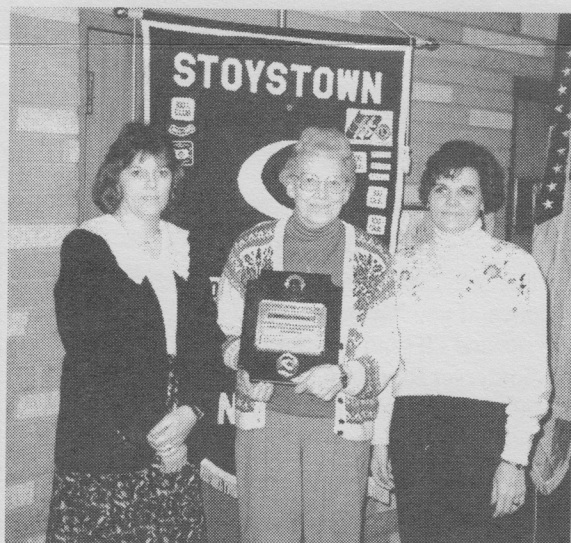
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Dorothy J. Younkin Receives Lions Award



Dorothy J. Younkin with daughters,
Joyce Stern, left, and Vickie Friedline

Dorothy J. Younkin of Somerset, Pa., has been designated a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions clubs International Foundation, in recognition of her commitment to serving the world community. She was the charter president of the Stoystown Lioness Club. Present at the ceremony was her brother Karl Burkhardt from Bullskin Lions Club who also recently received the Melvin Jones Award from his club.

[Source: Somerset Daily American, Dec. 19, 1992]

[Dorothy (Burkhardt) Younkin, wife of Herman S. Younkin⁷, Herman S. "Sam" Younkin⁶, Irvin Younkin⁵, Herman Younkin⁴, John Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Halls Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. William Hall

William and Mary Ellen (Younkin) Hall, of Ulysses, Pa., were honored at a surprise dinner in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 6, 1993. The event, held at Anderson's Restaurant, was hosted by the couple's children. Guests were family and friends of the couple from Port Allegany, Sabinsville, Ulysses, Berlin, and Strasburg, Va.

William Henry Hall and Mary Ellen Younkin were united in marriage at the Base Chapel on Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., on Feb. 6, 1943.

They have two sons, William II of Strasburg, and Jerry of Ulysses; three grandchildren, Christie Lynn Hall, William III and Jacob Hall.

Mr. Hall is retired from Texas Eastern Gas Pipeline. Mrs. Hall is retired from Penn Mutual Insurance Company. The Halls moved to Brookland in 1985 from West Chester.

[Mary Ellen (Younkin) Hall⁶, Lloyd Younkin⁵, Jacob Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Mark Miner honored... Who's Who in the East



MINER, MARK ALAN, public relations manager; b. Pitts., June 29, 1961; s. Odger Wayne and Constance Irene (Jagerski) M. BS in Journalism, West Va. U., 1983. Jr. acct. exec. Hill and Knowlton, Inc., Pitts., 1983-84; freelance writer Koppers Co., Inc., Pitts., 1985; pub. rels. asst. Michael Baker Corp., Beaver, Pa., 1985-86, staff editor, 1987-90, pub. rels. mgr., 1991; media and pub. rels. mgr. Buchanan Ingersoll Profl. Corp., Pitts., 1991—; communications task force Airport Area Devel. Adv. Commn., Pitts., 1990-91; lectr. hist. topics, 1988—. Contbr. articles to hist. publs. Bd. dirs. United Way, Beaver, Pa., 1986-88; econ. devel. conf. com. County of Beaver, 1987. Recipient Community Citation Merit award County of Allegheny, Pa., 1991, Communications Excellence award Employee Stock Assn. Am., 1989, Communicators Recognition award Internat. Assn. Bus. Communicators/United Way., 1987. Mem. Cons. Engrs. Coun. (pub. rels. com. 1986-91), Profl. Svcs. Mgmt. Assn. (pub. rels. com. 1988-91). Office: Buchanan Ingersoll Profl Cp USX Tower 58th Fl 600 Grant St Pittsburgh PA 15219-2701

[Mark Miner⁹, Odger Wayne Miner⁸, Odger Miner⁷, Harry O. Miner⁶, Andrew Jackson Miner⁵, Henry Miner⁴ (and wife Mary Younkin), Catherine (Younkin) Miner³ (wife of Jacob Miner), John M. Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹ — + — Mary Younkin³ (wife of Henry Miner), Frederick G. Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Computer Age Genealogy

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(father and grandfather), Cathie added this at the end of her note: "But I don't think we are related to anyone that we know of."

A few days later, and after a few questions from me, Cathie posted this note: "There may be a few more things I can tell you about Randy's family. They have always been told they came from Canada and that the name was French-Canadian. The original spelling was 'Youquin'."

Well, as you can imagine, I was stumped ... French-Canadian?? So we continued our "computer exchanges" and Randy and Cathie continued to answer questions as I asked them. After going through various census records, and records that our subscribers had sent in. Then comparing this with what Randy and Cathie could verify, we came up with the tie in on our Henry Younkin Jr. line. (For Randy's lineage, see *New Subscribers* in this issue).

After talking with more of their family members, it seems Randy and Cathie have a cousin, Donna Kay Scott, who had quite a bit of information on the family: obituaries, family Bibles (in German!), photographs, wedding announcements, etc., which all confirmed the conclusion we had come to.

But one question I still had was the hyphenated Young-Kin spelling — Where did that originate? After talking to his dad, Randy found out that it was his grandfather George Josiah Youngkin who changed the spelling from Youngkin to Young-Kin. The family story that has been passed down is that there was some sort of fight between he and a brother.

It wasn't long before Randy and Cathie "caught" the genealogy "bug". They ordered all the back issues of

our newsletter and spent several sleepless-nights reading them! They wrote, "we received your mail and thanks a million!!! We will send you copies of everything we have!" Randy and Cathie were true to their word, they've sent copies of everything (and I mean everything!) which of course will help a lot of Henry Youngkin Jr. descendants! THANKS!

My only regret is that I didn't know Randy and Cathie a year ago (before last year's reunion!) as we had some of their cousins from Muncie, Indiana, come to the reunion and at that time, though I thought they might be from the Henry Jr. line, I didn't know for sure! But we do now!

Several more Prodigy members were watching all this so asked if I could do the same on their line. Debbie Watson, of Arlington, Tx., Joe Mapes of Palos Verdes Peninsula,

Calif. (also of the Henry Jr. line!) and several more...

After reading the messages between myself and Randy, Cathie and the others, another Prodigy member, Sue Smith-Bugg, of Tyler, Tx., wrote this note, "All right you guys...you've gotten my curiosity stirred up and I dug out all the little notes I made several years ago about my grandmother and her relations. I just BARELY started on this, mind you, so I don't have much, but maybe someone?? can help fill in the blanks.

"My grandmother was Susan Caroline Younkin. Her father was Jesse Herbert Younkin. He had a half sister, Daisy Younkin, other sisters — Grace, Jeanette and Alice. Brothers were George, Frank and half brother Harry who died and was buried in Frankston, IL., in 1957? Jesse Herbert Younkin's father, Henry Younkin, married his brother's widow, Susan Penland. She had 5-7 children by the brother, and had 6 or more by 2nd husband. ...I have some scribbled notes about Cobdon, Illinois, and that the family was Pennsylvania Dutch...."

This one was fairly easy since I had previously gotten copies of a substantial amount of research from Sue's cousins who subscribe to our newsletter — Pat & Ron Chance, of West Frankfort, IL, and George & Nancy Younkin of Fond du Lac, Wisc.

Sue's line is: Susan Caroline Younkin⁶ (Sue's grandmother), Jesse Younkin⁵, Terry Lloyd Younkin⁴, John Harrison Younkin³, John J. Younkin², Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹.

After posting her line via a message to the Prodigy Bulletin Board, Sue wrote back — "I was really surprised that you had all that info within hours."

Then there was Cindy Kaukenen of Yardley, Pa. — her Younkin line is from the Lycoming County area of Pennsylvania. This line is still a "thorn in my side" as I haven't been able to get this line back

to our immigrant ancestor. Cindy was willing to help with some research though to try and rectify this situation. She went to the courthouse and got some of the Lycoming County wills and estate records and though we still don't have them all the way back we are a little closer thanks to her help. Cindy's ggggrandmother was Mary A. Younkin, daughter of George (born 1809) and Hannah Younkin. Mary married Charles A. Waggoner.

Then there was another Prodigy member, Joan Shaffer, who is not a Younkin but lives near a library in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa. She offered to check a local library for information on our Younkin family there. And much to my



Randy and Cathie Young-Kin

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I Married a Genealogist...

By Larry L. Logan



Hello cousins and kin-in-laws. In case you haven't figured this out yet, I am the husband of Donna Christine Younkin Logan, who is the Editor and Publisher of this fine family newsletter. I married Donna "twenty-something" years ago, because I wanted a wife. However, that's not a politically correct way to describe it anymore. (It's male chauvinistic). What I really wanted was a totally equal partner who would be there to share our lives together with mutual respect, and honesty, and love and friendship, and (well, we all know the other reason!) BUT, what I really got was a total surprise. I married a genealogist!

"Is that so bad?", you may say. "Having an interest in your family history and origins can give you a better idea of who you are and where you came from..."

Well, that's all true. And genealogy can be very interesting. But I have to warn you right now, for a great many people, genealogy can become an obsessive compulsion. (And I'm pretty sure that's some kind of mental illness).

So relatives-in-law, please let me give you FAIR WARNING. Read the rest of this newsletter at your own risk! You could be one of those people susceptible to "C.O.G.S." (that's Compulsive-Obsessive-Generology-Syndrome). It's a horrible disease, and my Donna's got it bad.

It's insidious, and to my knowledge there is no known cure. (It's also not covered by any form of health care insurance). But there are some early warning signs that you can watch for. If I had seen it coming soon enough maybe I

could have done something to stop it. So, please be on the lookout for these early symptoms of C.O.G.S.:

- Are you installing a Jumbo-Mailbox, because the regular size boxes just can't hold all the incoming (and outgoing) correspondence?

- Do you start buying postage stamps in the big coils, so that they can fit into an automatic "licker" machine?

- Does your phone bill come in with 10+ pages of long distance call summaries?

- Do you start building extra shelves just for family photo albums?

- Does a "fun day" mean visiting some graveyards and taking rolls of pictures of headstones?

- Do you purchase a license plate frame that says: "I Collect Dead Relatives"?

- Do you loose touch with your friends by replacing them with blood relatives, in-laws, and Mormon librarians?

- Does your home begin to suffer from piles? (Piles of mail, photos, charts, history books, photo-copies, photo-copies, photo-copies...)

- Do you start carrying more than five library cards?

- Did you buy a computer to save file and shelf space, and then have to buy more files and shelves because you made the mistake of buying a computer printer as well?

- Do you start to remember the birth date of 16th Century ancestors, and then forget your spouses' birthday?

- Do you begin to plan all vacations around family reunions, and the locations of graveyards, and courthouse records?

- Do the people at the National Archives in Washington D.C. call you by your first name?

- When you are sitting, and you look down, is there always a big pile of papers in your lap?

If you are suffering from these symptoms — I am sorry. It's too late — you got C.O.G.S. However, if you can just read and enjoy this newsletter, and attend a family reunion no more than once a year, I think you'll be just fine...

Talk to you all next issue.

Larry

Younkin Wins Civic Oration Contest

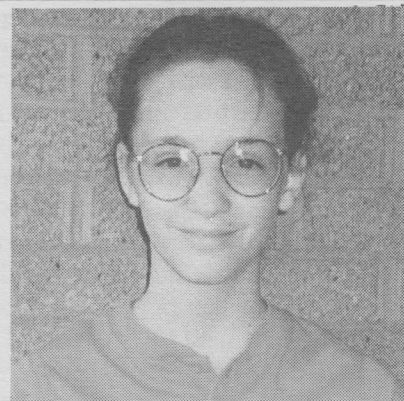
[Great Bend Tribune, Great Bend, Kansas, April 15, 1992

submitted by Janice (Younkin) Schneck, Larned, Kansas]

Audrey Younkin, grade 5, and Kristy Straub, grade 6, were the winner and runner-up, respectively, in final competition of the St. Patrick School Civic Oration Contest held Thursday at the school.

In the contest, sponsored by the Modern Woodmen of America, students gave speeches about American inventions. Younkin's winning speech explained the origins of bubble gum. Younkin and Straub received trophies and gold award pins.

[Audrey Younkin⁸, Terrance David "Terry" Younkin⁷, Dwight W. Younkin⁶, Charles Franklin Younkin⁵, John Deitz Younkin⁴, Samuel Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹] Audrey is the third of five daughters of Terry and Margaret Younkin, of Great Bend, Kansas.



Audrey Younkin

Younkin-Firestone Update from George Ely Russell

I recently wrote to George Ely Russell, C.G., F.A.S.G., F.N.G.S., 709 Main St., Middletown, Maryland, 21769, about the Somerset County Firestone families that connect to the Younkin line. George has researched the Firestone/Feuerstein family for many years.

In recent issues (1993) of *Western Maryland Genealogy*, published by Donna Valley Russell, George had two articles on the early Firestone family of Frederick County, Maryland (also residing in Loudoun County, Virginia) and I was curious if his research included the families in Somerset, Pa.

I sent him a copy of the John Firestone (c1769-1852) family group sheet, where I had identified John's wife as Margaret Thrasher. George stated that this was incorrect, that Margaret Thrasher was the wife of a different John Firestone. George said, "while I have no proof, I suppose that John Firestone of Somerset Co., Pa., was a son of Joseph of Loudoun County, Va."

Our John Firestone of Somerset died about 1852 in Lower Turkeyfoot Twp., Somerset Co., Pa. His children (as we have them to-date) were: John m Lydia; Joseph m Maria Catherine **Younkin**; Mary m Leonard May; Jacob m Mary; Michael m Elizabeth Ansell; Elizabeth m Bayard Miller; Margaret m David Leighliter; Catherine m William **Younkin**; George m Catherine **Younkin**. So, as you can see, the Firestone family is an ancestral line for many of today's Younkin descendants. We are still putting this line together, so please note that this is not a proved line as yet. Any information you might have on this family would be most welcome!

'Western Maryland Genealogy'

Published by Donna Valley Russell

Catoctin Press

709 Main St., Middletown, Maryland, 21769

Because so many of the Somerset families originated in this area of Maryland, I would like to bring this publication to your attention. *Western Maryland Genealogy* is a quarterly journal, covers present Maryland counties of Frederick, Washington, Montgomery, Allegany, Garrett, and parts of Carroll and District of Columbia. The publication contains original source records, genealogies, book reviews, and queries. 192 pp. per volume plus annual full-name index. Published since 1985. Subscriptions are \$17/year. Donna will also send a complete *subject* index if you send her a SASE, as all back issues are still available.

**1991 & 1992 Younkin Reunion Videos
are still available**

1991 = \$15

1992 = \$20

Meet Your Cousin...

Kay Lynn (Younkin) Wilson
of Markleton, Somerset, Pa.

AGE: "30."

FAMILY: "I married Alan D. Wilson on Sept. 29, 1984. One child Gerald. My dad is Gerald R. Younkin and mother is Iris Kreger Younkin. They still reside on one of the Frederick G. Younkin farms in Markleton."

WORK/CAREER: "Housewife, photographer, artist and farmer."

HOBBIES: "skiing, trains, boating (rafting, motor, canoe), hiking, biking, photography, horseback riding."

MUSIC: "Organ, guitar and trumpet."

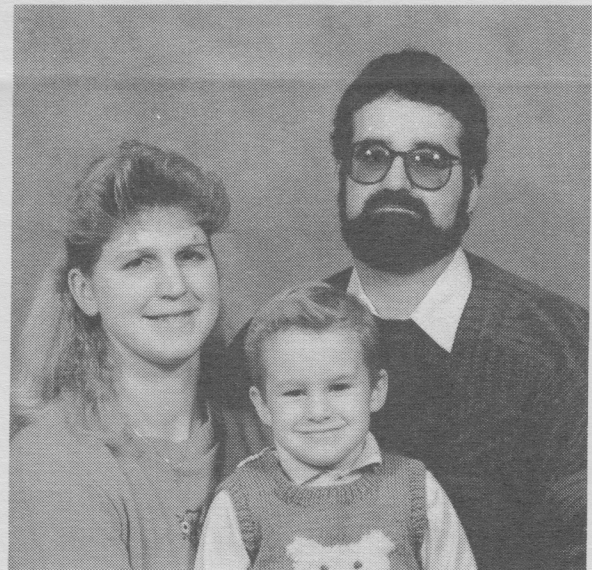
FOOD: "Stromboli and home cooking."

FAVORITE SAYING: "It's about time."

GOALS: "Just try to keep everyone happy."

INTERESTINGLY: "I went to the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and came right back to the farm. I like my animals."

FAVORITE ANCESTOR: "Ross Younkin who would be my great granddad. For he worked here, built a house next door and then built a house in Kingwood to be closer to church. That's a big accomplishment."



**Kay Lynn (Younkin) Wilson
with her husband Alan and son Gerald**

[Kay Lynn (Younkin) Wilson⁹, Gerald Ross Younkin⁸, James M. "Bud" Younkin⁷, Jacob Ross Younkin⁶, Wesley D. Younkin⁵, Jacob C. "Jake" Younkin⁴, Frederick F. Younkin³, Frederick G. Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹] — [Alan Wilson's ancestry= his grandmother, Mae (Shroyer) Conn is the daughter of Jacob Shroyer and wife Laura Younkin. Laura was the daughter of William Dayton Younkin who was the son of George A. and wife Charlotta (Younkin) Younkin. George A.'s ancestry=George Younkin, John M. Younkin, Henrich Junghen. And Charlotta's ancestry = Charles, John M. Younkin, Henrich Junghen]

Getting Started on Our German Roots...



Dear Cousins,
I am a subscriber to the genealogy publication *Heritage Quest*. In this publication is a column on German heritage, authored by Horst A. Reschke. I wrote to Mr. Reschke with several questions about our Junghen family. He was very quick in his response, and was most helpful. The following are my questions, and his responses:
QUESTION — I am considering paying a researcher in Germany to check into our JUNGHEN family, what do you think?

ANSWER—I would encourage you to do your own research. Judging from your excellent publication (I sent him several issues of our newsletter) and your journalistic gifts you are well qualified to glean your own information and learn about the available sources. You would not have to travel to Germany to do it, but could accomplish it by traveling to 25 or 30 miles to Frederick where there is an LDS (Mormon)-Family History Center. Being involved in genealogy as you are, you've probably already been there.

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New Subscribers



How to read these lineage charts: #1 is the immigrant (or as far back as is known) #2 is the second generation, and so on.

Sue Parker Bennett — 7400 Brookside Pkwy, Cleveland, OH 44230; [Ancestor Barbara Youngkin married about 1768 in Springfield, Bucks County, Pa., to Carl Charles Baum, her ancestry is unknown, possibly sister of immigrants Henrich, Herman and John Junghen]

Cheryl Chambers — 7344 W. Meadowbrook, Phoenix, AZ 85033; [Cheryl Clare Chambers⁸, John Walters Chambers⁷, Elizabeth Lina (Youngkin) Chambers⁶, Josiah Shafer Youngkin⁵, Henry Clay Youngkin⁴, Abraham Youngkin³, Abraham Youngkin², Herman Junghen¹]

Barbara J. Brown — 760 W. Wilson, Salem, OH 44460; [Barbara (Grindle) Brown⁸, Sara Twila (Clevenger) Grindle⁷, Bertha (Campbell) Clevenger⁶, Sarah (Campbell) Campbell⁵, Rebecca (Esch) Campbell⁴, Sarah (Youngkin) Esch³, Henry Youngkin Jr.², Henrich Junghen¹]

William B. Younkin — 1741 N. Walnut St., Fayetteville, AR 72703; [William Broughton Younkin⁷, Howard William Younkin⁶, William Henry Younkin⁵, William R. Younkin⁴, Samuel Younkin³, Rudolph Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Sandra Lee Younkin Whitney — 3509 Jomar Dr., Plano, TX 75075; [Sandra (Younkin) Whitney⁸, Dick Younkin⁷, Harvey C. Younkin⁶ (husband of Georgianna Moon), William Lincoln Younkin⁵, Frederick J. Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹ + Georgianna Moon⁶ (wife of Harvey C.), Harriet V. (Younkin) Moon⁵ (wife of Andrew Moon), Jacob Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Grace Younkin — RD #1 Box 328, Confluence, PA 15424; [widow of Charles Milton Younkin⁶, William Lincoln Younkin⁵, Frederick J. Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Mrs. Edna Younkin — 214 Olinger St., Meyersdale, PA 15552; [widow of Edward Earl Younkin⁷, Harvey C. Younkin⁶ (husband of Georgianna Moon), William Lincoln Younkin⁵, Frederick J. Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹ + Georgianna Moon⁶ (wife of Harvey C.), Harriet V. (Younkin) Moon⁵ (wife of Andrew Moon), Jacob Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Donald R. Younkin — Garrett, PA 15542; [Donald R. Younkin⁸, James D. Younkin⁷, Harvey C. Younkin⁶ (husband of Georgianna Moon), William Lincoln Younkin⁵, Frederick J. Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹ + Georgianna Moon⁶ (wife of Harvey C.), Harriet V. (Younkin) Moon⁵ (wife of Andrew Moon), Jacob Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Terry Younkin — 710 S. Broadway, Scottdale, PA 15683; [Terry Younkin⁸, Irvin Keller Younkin⁷, Herman Sanford Younkin⁶, Irvin Younkin⁵, Rev. Harmon Younkin⁴, John J. Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

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Bruce Younkin — 259 E. Williams St., Delaware, OH 43015; [Bruce Younkin⁸, Herman Sanford Younkin⁷, Herman Sanford Younkin⁶, Irvin Younkin⁵, Rev. Harmon Younkin⁴, John J. Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

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Joyce Younkin Stern — RD #4 Box 42; Somerset, PA 15501; [Joyce (Younkin) Stern⁸, Herman Sanford Younkin⁷, Herman Sanford Younkin⁶, Irvin Younkin⁵, Rev. Harmon Younkin⁴, John J. Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Mrs. Vernon A. Langberg — 8060 E. Broadway #E-206; Tucson, AR 85710; [Mrs. Langberg is the daughter of B. E. and Jane (Younkin) Tilton⁶, Charles W. Youngkin⁵, John Clinton Youngkin⁴, Charles Youngkin³, Henry Youngkin Jr.², Henrich Junghen¹]

Joy Younkin Howard — RD 2 Robindale Hgts, Seward, PA 15954; [mother of Randy Younkin, wife of Warren D.- Warren D. Younkin⁷, Dewey Levi Younkin⁶, Levi Younkin⁵, Jacob Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Heather Younkin — 355 Bascom St., Pittsburgh, PA; [Heather Younkin⁹, Kerry Younkin⁸, Warren D. Younkin⁷, Dewey Levi Younkin⁶, Levi Younkin⁵, Jacob Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Tressa Berezansky — RD #2, Seward, PA 15954; [Tressa Berezansky⁹, Sheila (Younkin) Berezansky⁸, Warren D. Younkin⁷, Dewey Levi Younkin⁶, Levi Younkin⁵, Jacob Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Irene Younkin — 4197 Betty Lee Rd.; Gladwin, MI 48624; [Ray Alvin Younkin⁶, William Wesley Younkin⁵, William "Henry" Younkin⁴, Frederick F. Younkin³, Frederick G. Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Elaine & Clyde Tressler — RD 1 Box 230, Salisbury, PA 15558; [Elaine (Richter) Tressler⁸, Eleanor (Younkin) Richter⁷, George A. Younkin⁶, Cyrus Younkin⁵, Jacob Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Dennis & Kathleen Margroff — RD 2, Accident, MD 21520; [Kathleen (Younkin) Margroff⁸, Clarence Cecil Younkin⁷, Thomas Eransom Younkin⁶, Cyrus Younkin⁵, Jacob Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Randy & Cathie Young-Kin — 12044 Morganfield Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70818; [Randy Young-Kin⁸, George Oliver Young-Kin⁷, George Josiah Young-Kin⁶, Harry Elmer Youngkin⁵, John Clinton Youngkin⁴, Charles Youngkin³, Henry Youngkin Jr.², Henrich Junghen¹]

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Civil War Letters from Moses Younkin

Contributed by
Roger & Diana (Mowrey) Russell
of Napa, California

All letters are reproduced here exactly as they are written, including all spelling errors. Brackets [--] mean the wording was unreadable.

August 5th, 1864
Ft. Riley, Kansas

I seat myself to let you know that I am well at present and hoping that these few lines may find you all the same. I was to Manhattan the other day and I engaged a set of harness to be made by the 15th of Sept the price is \$35 dollars the shop is on the west side of the Blue river at the end of the bridge if you have a chance to send and get them do so the wagon is done I have brought my hoarse here I like him well there is some prospect of our staying here for some time yet there is nothing of any importance going on here I cannot tell when I will be at home if you can make things to go right come down and see us.

*So no more at present but remaining yours
truly
Sergt Younkin*

Salina, Kansas Oct 22
1864

Mrs Younkin I seat myself this evening to pen a few lines to you. I am well and have been so since I saw you. Times are dull here and the malitia has been ordered out of this County. It has left familys in a bad state. It is to be hoped that they will not have to be gone long. I have not yet herd whether the Clay Co. malitia have been ordered out. If they have I think you are in bade fix at present to get your falls work done as it calls all the men away from home never the [--] try to do the best you can. There are three of our men on the sick list in this [--]. I have been left in command of this detachment 15 days. I am [--] for dispatch to Order us to some other parts where the Co. can be all together. We will be ordered away from here soon which way I cannot say. Capt. Hammer is in command of this Post he says we will go to Fort Riley a few hours later The detachment has just returned they found no enemy we are sitting around the fiersid One playing the violin and two of us writing to our Old Sweethearts four of us built a [--] round house and we are living in it Now Lieut [--] myself [--] Emmons George Thomas- Sergt - Gregory - these are the ones that are in my shanty we enjoy our selves the Lieu [--] is at Fort Riley now he will be at Salina on 24th when I hope to get a letter from you. I have not herd from home since I saw you at home we are here where very little news at all if any I think that there will be rejoicing when piece is again



Moses & Lavila Younkin

*restored and friends
can embrace each
other we are still
with out pay I still
have my hours yet I
think of keeping him
now he is doing well
if you are with out
mony you must do
the best you can I
will send you some
as soon as I can get
it I think it will not
be long until the
Paymaster will
come along So no
more at present
but remain your
friend as ever
Moses Younkin to
Lavila Younkin*

Ft. Larned Dec. 6th 1864

Wife it is with pleasure I seat my self this morning to pen you a few lines first I am well at present & all the men generally & I hope these few lines may find you all enjoying the same blessing Capt. Booth returned last evening bearing sad news to us on the evening of the fourth 4 a party of 5 soldiers started from Smoky Hill Crossing to [--] & traveled 150 miles & nite overtook them & camped for the nite & while sitting by the fire side the Indians fiered on them killing 3 & the other two escaped loosing 6 mules wagon & loaded with ammunition there has been none seen close here since I have been here Capt has got about well again he is on his way to Lion our men are anxious to see the time come when they will settle the bill with them the men are generally well satisfied with our positions here the Duty come plentyfuley here although for my part I am well satisfied.

the Paymaster has not yet maid his appearance we expect him soon as soon as he comes I will send you some money

Moses' letters to Lavila (Mitchell) Younkin, his wife, will continue in the next issue. Many thanks to Roger and Diana for such a generous contribution to our newsletter! (For more on Moses & Lavila, see YFNB Vol. 1 #3)

Moses' Ancestry:

Moses b 31 May 1830 in Turkeyfoot Twp, Somerset, Pa., d 21 Jan 1892 New Whatcom, Whatcom Co., Wash. (murdered by an Indian); m #1 Lavila Mitchell; #2 Mary Thompson
son of Henry F. Younkin and Mary King
son of Frederick G. Younkin and Catherine Patton
son of Henrich Junghen and Catharine Scherer

Letters to the Editor

Dear Donna,

Don doesn't know much about his Younkin relatives. His father, Ralph Younkin of Halls Summit, Kansas, died when Don was only three years old.

"He does know that his father had several bachelor brothers who farmed in Kansas; and one sister, Delia, who married Frank Richards, settled in Temple City, California, raised a son (also Donald), and took up painting at the age of 92 after cataract surgery. I am looking at one of her paintings as I write this. Don tells me his bachelor uncles farmed around Burlington, Kansas. He also informs me that he met them once when he was a child.

Don did meet his Aunt Delia once during the second World War when he was stationed in California. It is his belief that his cousin, Don Richards, might live in the Los Angeles area. We have heard that Aunt Delia researched her Younkin family history, but we don't have it. Beyond Don's grandfather, Isaac Younkin, we don't have a clue.

Trying to include everything in one letter, may I ask a favor? We received a phone call from a 1948 graduate of Northeast High School in neighboring Kansas City. He was looking for a Ralph Edison Younkin (possibly living now in Warwick, Michigan), to inform him of an upcoming class reunion. I told him I would pass this on to the Younkin newsletter, that maybe you know of Younkings in Warwick Michigan. If you can be of any help to him at all, thank you. [Editor's note: I did relay the message to Ralph Edison Younkin, who now lives in Ohio, and is a subscriber to the YFNB!]

Don and I enjoy the newsletter. You do a good job.

Vivian Younkin



Donald Robert Younkin born 12 Sep 1923
son of Ralph B. & Eva May (Craig) Younkin
Photo taken April 1993

After receiving this letter, and reviewing my files, I sent a letter back to Don and Vivian giving Don's ancestry, as follows:

Donald Robert Younkin⁶, Ralph B. Younkin⁵, Isaac Younkin⁴, John Younkin³, Rudolph Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹.

In addition, I sent them copies of Isaac Younkin's family Bible record, which I had received several years ago from Ruth Younkin another descendant who lives in Ohio.

Vivian and Don sent the following letter in response.

Dear Donna,

I wish we had more to share with you, but we have only two little stories. For one, Don remembers visiting the farm when he was a small boy — my guess is for his uncle Chauncy's funeral (Don would have been seven years old then.) He does remember Isaac.

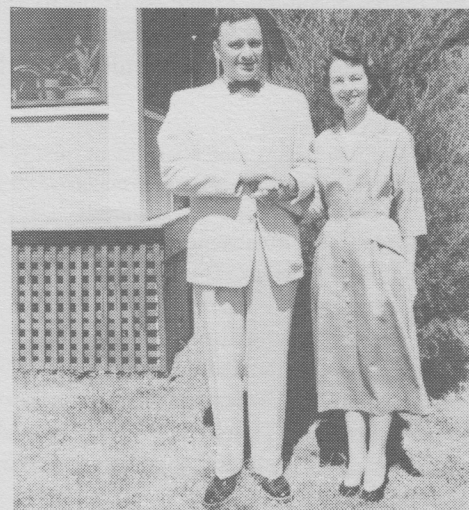
Another thing, Don remembers being told that one of his uncles came to Kansas City to work, got hit by a streetcar, lost a leg, and returned to the farm to stay.

When I tell you that's all Don has of his father, you will realize how grateful we are for what you have told us about Don's family. It would be an incredible windfall for anyone to suddenly be given a list of their ancestors clear back to the shore and beyond. For Don, it's sort of who he is. Thank you. Yes, yes, yes, we want a picture of grandpa Isaac. Yes, we want the back issues we don't have (if I hadn't drug my heels subscribing, we would have them all.)

Thank you, Vivian

Believe me, Vivian and Don, you are more than welcome... it's people like you who make all the work worthwhile!

Donna Younkin Logan



Don married Vivian Graves
12 March 1954, St. Augustine, Florida

Queries from our readers...

Query policy: Unlimited queries are free to all subscribers, but the query must relate to a Younkin family and their descendants.

I am searching for information on Barbara YOUNGKIN. She was married about 1768 to Carl "Charles" BAUM in Pa. The earliest record I have on Barbara is in Springfield Twp., Bucks County, Pa. about 1768. Her oldest child, Samuel BAUM was born 16 Aug 1769 in Springfield. Charles and Barbara lived in Springfield for several years before moving to Northumberland County, Pa., then in 1798 they migrated to the Northwest Territory (the part that later became Ohio. He bought land in what would become Clermont County, Ohio. Barbara died in 1811 and Charles died in 1817. They were Lutherans. — **Sue Bennett, 7400 Brookside Pkwy, Cleveland, OH. 44130.** [Editor's note: Henry Baum and Carl Ludwig Baum immigrated from Germany on the ship "Hero" arriving 27 Oct 1764. Another name on board this ship was UNANGST. I don't know if this has any meaning or not but one descendant of the Peter Younkin line married an UNANGST. It could just be a coincidence though.]

Our German Roots

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QUESTION—Enclosed you will find a copy of a German church baptism which one of our members sent me. She had found it in a church record in the city of Siegen in Germany. Since it is in German we obviously can't read it but we can see that the year of birth is 1717 and that is the year our Johan Henrich Junghen was born. I am also enclosing a photograph of the tombstone of our Henrich as this gives his date of birth and death. Would you please translate this German record and offer any comments.

ANSWER—Your assumption that your roots go to **Siegen**, will be strengthened if the person in the document you can't read is a relative, because it is a page of the 1717 baptismal book of the Parish of Siegen. I have been able to translate it and had some words verified by a friend whose verdict agrees with mine. Let me first give you the wording of the German text:

[year 1717] item Gemelli

Siegen Johann Herman Juengst und Godelieb ux den 1. Juli Don-
Johannes Schleiffenbaum, pate zum ersten nerstag mittag
das Kind Johannes. gegen elf
Johann Jacob Schleiffenbaum pate zum anderen
dad Kind Jacob Johann

Translation:

[year 1717] item (Latin for also) Twins

Siegen Johann Herman Juengst and Godelieb his wife (funny-looking symbol "ux" is shorthand for Latin uxor=wife).
On the 1st of July, Thursday, midday, around eleven.
Johannes Schleiffenbaum, sponsor for the first
the child Johannes.
Johann Jacob Schleiffenbaum, sponsor for the other
the child Johann Jacob.



New Subscribers

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Debra A. & Daniel Smith — 17691 Reed St., Melvindale, MI 48122; [not submitted]

Joe & Carol Mapes — P. O. Box 883, Palos Verdes Penin., CA 90274-0883; [Joe Mapes⁹, Bernice A. (Younkin) Mapes⁸, Joseph Mahlin Youngkin⁷, David S. Youngkin⁶, Joseph Youngkin⁵, David Youngkin⁴, David Youngkin³, Henry Youngkin Jr.², Henrich Junghen¹]

Harold E. Spencer — 860 Lake Shore Dr. #25-K, Chicago, IL 60611; [Harold E. Spencer⁶, Winona (Younkin) Spencer⁵, Aaron Schrock Younkin⁴, Dr. Jonas Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

A complete list of all current subscribers (and their lineage) is available for \$5 (22 pages), send to YFNB.

Before moving on let me digress to say if Schlifenbaums (now only one "f") show up as sponsors for both twins, they are either important or related to the family. Keep an eye on them. Extensive genealogies are published in Volume 92, of the Deutsches Geschlechterbuch (DGB), the German Lineage Book, found in most major libraries....

The name Jungst or Jeungst does not appear as a main lineage in any of the above mentioned volumes of DGBs, but it shows up often enough. On the other hand JUNGHEN does not appear. [Editor's note: readers remember that our ancestor, Johann Henrich Junghen (the only immigrant brother who has a headstone) clearly has the name JUNGHEN engraved on it!]

...I can imagine a scenario in which the attendant at the parish office in Siegen may have failed to find Henrich JUNGHEN, but found the JUNGST (JUENGST) twins in the same year. I hardly think the two names are interchangeable.

JUNGHEN does make its only strong appearance in the International Genealogical Index (IGI—the Mormon church's collection of international records), not in Westphalia (German-Westfalen) where Siegen is located, but in Allendorf an der Eder (the Eder River), in Hessen-Nassau. Do you throw your hands up in despair? No, I suggest there is a connection.

Siegen, the capital city of a Kreis (somewhat like a county) of the same name, is surrounded by country — the Siegerland — that is very hilly and rich in iron ore. Terminology related to the iron mining and manufacture abounds. The area developed its own nomenclature such as "Gewerke" (participants in mining, smelter and forge associations); "Gerwerkschaft" (such an association); "Hammertag" (the work day to which a "Gerwerke" was entitled. Each Hammer or forge had 24 "Hammertage"); "Huttenreise" (the season in

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Bobby Younkin Air Shows

Rt. 1, Box 406; Lowell, AR 72745
(501) 248-6678

On April 24, Larry and I along with my sister Jean Younkin Miller and her two children, went to the Norfolk Naval Air Station to watch the Bobby Younkin Air Show. [Well, to be honest, it was the 40th Anniversary of the International Azalea Festival Air Show, so there were other acts, but Bobby was the only reason we attended. And it was well worth the trip!]

Bobby's aerobatics in his Beech 18 opened the show. And what an opener! It was hard to believe that such a huge plane could actually do such amazing stunts. The plane's smooth and graceful movements were emphasized with lots of smoke and noise.

Bobby's Beech 18 was manufactured in 1942 as a C45F and was retired from military use in 1947 when it became an executive plane for a major corporation. It was purchased by a collector in the late 1960s. Bobby purchased it from the collector's widow in 1988 and after spending a year preparing the airplane, he began aerobatics in it in 1989.

Bobby resides in Cave Springs, Arkansas with his wife Jeanie, and their two children, Matthew and Amanda.

The following is from several Airshow articles sent in by Bobby; Glenn Younkin of Springfield, IL.; and George and Nancy Younkin of Fond du Lac, Wisc.:

"Bobby Younkin learned to fly at age 16. At the time, he was an accomplished radio-controlled model airplane pilot. By applying those skills to a real airplane, he taught himself aerobatics. (The stick on an RC transmitter takes the same movements as a real airplane.) His aerobatic skills were later refined under the guidance of the legendary Duane Cole. Since this, he has accumulated over 10,000 hours total flying time; over 7,000 of those are in Beech 18s.

"Bobby has earned the respect of several all-time greats in the industry; here is what a few of them have to say about him:

"His performance in an AT-6 was outstanding, just as I felt it would be when he was a student of mine." — Duane Cole

"Bobby's performance in the AT-6 is truly spectacular. His routine includes maneuvers that few other performers would ever attempt."

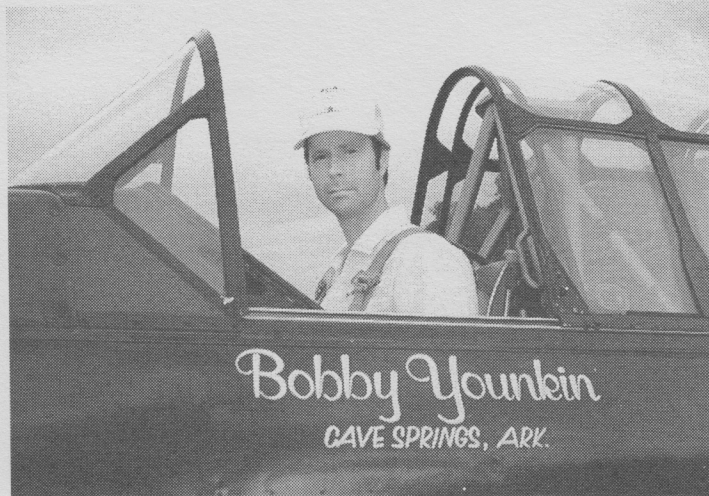
"Smoothest AT-6 performer I have ever seen." — Marion Cole

Jim Younkin, Bobby's dad, built the "Mystery Ship" that

is on display at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, Wisc., as well as a modified Stierman 18 called "The Goliath".

Sport Aviation Magazine's October 1988, pg. 99-103"...If there is a rising star among the airplanes, however, it has to

be Jim Younkin's fabulous red and black Travel Air Mystery S (or just 'Mystery Ship' as the type has been most popularly known). Completed in 1979, it first appeared at Oshkosh that year and was one of the sensations of the show. It was featured on the cover and in an extensive article in our July 1980 issue of SPORT AVIATION, and has been displayed in the EAA Air Adventure Museum for the past several years."



[Bobby Younkin⁸, James "Jim" Younkin⁷, Howard William Younkin⁶, William Henry Younkin⁵, William R. Younkin⁴, Samuel Younkin³, Rudolph Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]



Family Crest

Tee Shirts & Sweatshirts

Order deadline — June 10th!

Please note: Our crest uses the same JUNGHEN spelling as our immigrant "Johan Henrich Junghen" used. Also, I will be placing another order this Fall.

Adult Sizes:

Small (34-36), Medium (38-40),
Large (42-44), X-Large (46-48), XX-large (50)

Children's sizes:

Medium (10-12), Large (14-16)

Prices:

(Includes shipping)

T-shirts:

Adult sizes — \$14
children sizes — \$11

Sweatshirts:

Adult Reg. wgt. \$18
Adult Sup. wgt. \$21
Children's \$16
(no super wgt. avail)



Younkin Homestead on the Kansas Prairie

By Merrill Younkin, Edmunds, Wash.



William E. Younkin, born 19 Feb 1863, in Indiana, was the eldest son of John Deitz Younkin, born 6 Oct 1837, in Ohio. John D. Younkin married Marietta Victoria King in Lafayette, Indiana, on 1 May 1862. Between 1863 and 1876 seven children were born to this union and I am assuming that all were born around Lafayette, Indiana. The 1880 Federal Census lists John D. Younkin (age 42) and Marietta (age 40) with all seven children at home. It is believed that the family had spent some time around Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska, after 1880 before homesteading in Rush County, Ks. County records show that John D. Younkin applied for 160 acres of land in Rush County on 27 Jul 1886. And county records also indicate that the children, Will and Clarence, applied for land a few years later. I have not yet followed up and documented completely the movements of the John D. Younkin family after leaving the Rush County area. John Deitz Younkin finished out his life in Great Bend, Kansas, and died on 26 Oct 1932, and is buried in the Great Bend Cemetery. William E. Younkin died 1 Nov 1930, and is also buried in the Great Bend Cemetery. There is little known or recorded about this line of Younkins, but everywhere I go I find another piece of the puzzle and hopefully one day there will be someone who will put it all together for the "rest of the story."

The photograph is a picture of a ranch belonging to William E. Younkin near the town of McCracken, Rush County, Kansas, and was taken about 1898. It clearly shows a man in a wagon with a team of horses. In front of the old sod house is a lady surrounded by five small children. Although the people are all unidentified, I must assume the man is William, the woman his wife, and the children theirs. It's quite possible that the youngest is Donald J. Younkin, born 7 Oct 1894, in Rush County, Kansas, and passed away 7 Mar 1990. In the background you see livestock, farm buildings and a buggy. The picture reflects the struggle and hardships that early pioneers endured.

In Memory of

Kenneth S. Younkin

Kenneth S. Younkin, of Chicago, Illinois, died Sept. 11, 1992. Born Feb. 2, 1928, in Lincoln, Nebraska, he was a son of Clifford E. and Dora (Ward) Younkin.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Kathleen P. (Geraghty) Younkin. They were married April 23, 1958 in Chicago. Also surviving are three children: Mary (Younkin) Carlson, wife of Jeffrey Carlson; Neil Kenneth Younkin and his wife Susan, and Noreen Younkin; and five grandchildren, all reside in the Chicago area.

[Kenneth S. Younkin⁷, Clifford E. Younkin⁶, Warren Eugene Younkin⁵, Walter S. Younkin⁴, Dr. Jonas Younkin³, Jacob Younkin²,

Clayton A. Yonkin

Clayton A. Yonkin, 80, of Brackney, Susquehanna County, Pa., died Sept. 13, 1992, at his home. He was born in Dushore, Pa., a son of Charles and Mae Yonkin.

He was a graduate of Dushore High School, Class of 1930. Mr. Yonkin was retired from Singer Link Corp. (of Binghamton, NY) where he had been employed 32 years. He was a member of St. Augustine's Church at Silver Lake.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Marie) Anstrom of Maine; Jane LaGier of Endicott, NY; three sons, Charles of Greene, NY; Christopher of Merrimack, NH; and John of Buffalo, NY; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Services were held at Binghamton.

[Clayton A. Yonkin⁵, Charles M. Yonkin⁴, Peter J. Yonkin³, Henry Yonkin², Johan Henrich Junghen¹ (1777-1851)]

Miner-Miner-Minerd Family Celebrates 80th Reunion Anniversary

The Miner-Miner-Minerd family will mark its 80th anniversary of the first family reunioin which took place in 1913 at Ohiopyle, Pennsylvania. This year's event will take place at the Kingwood IOOF Grove in Kingwood, Pa. Tours begin at 10 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m. and visting throughout the day. Last year over 85 people attended and a much larger group is expected this year. Many of the attendees are descendants of Henry and Catherine (Miner) Miner.

For more information write or call Mark Miner 2529 Matterhorn Dr., Wexford, Pa. 15090; (412) 935-4513.

Mark is a descendant of both the John M. and Frederick G. line, see Mark's lineageon Page 2 — "Mark Miner Honored...Who's Who in the East"

Our German Roots

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which iron could be smelted, limited to either 48 or 64 days), and "Oberhutzen" (when such time was exceeded). There were others, but this sample shall suffice. I mention all this to demonstrate that people's thinking was influenced by the land in which they lived and the work they performed. If your people came from Siegerland, they should have had occupations connected with mining, smelting, and ironworks. Other occupations would have included tanning, cloth weaving and paper manufacture.

The city got its name from the River Sieg. The area at one time formed the Principality of Siegen, which, since the year 1255, division took place, in 1607, it had its own prince who came out of the Nassau line. I'll stop here, since the balance of history occured after your family left. But take a look at the history thus far and at the map (see page 6). What do you see?

Siegen and Allendorf, although in different counties (in those days) are only about 30 miles apart. The enterprising Junghens could have migrated to Siegen to work in a mine, a smelter or related enterprise. It may have been just one family that moved to Siegen and that one family may have jointly packed up and gone to America. Consider the following:

A notation in American Genealogical Resources in German Archives (AGRIGA), pertaining to an 18th century deal made in the Kreis Siegen, states that a mining supervisor named J. J. Albrechet, "an employee of the English" made a contract with three Reformed ministers under which he recruited miners in Siegerland for the British Colonies in North America. He promised the ministers stipends "as soon as the mines are able to meet their responsibilities to God," [to support the ministers and their churches in America?].

Could your ancestors have been part of such a project? I don't know, but weigh some of these thoughts.

Horst A. Reschke

I found Mr. Reschke's information most interesting and I hope you all did as well! I know many of you have a copy of the above referenced baptismal record (since I sent it to several of you <grin>) so I just wanted to correct this. We are going to keep looking for our elusive German ancestors. I think it was Merrill and Dorothy Younkin that mentioned a group trip to Germany!!!..... Donna

'Robertson & May Families' still available

Mrs. Robertson has asked that we make the announcement that copies of her book: "Robertson & May Families" — with Allied Troutman, Younkin, Billingham, Weimer, Connelly, Faidley, Harbaugh, Mall, Miner, Pringey, Howell and others are still available. The cost is \$32 postpaid. For more information, or to place an order, please write: Mrs. Helen Robertson, 182 Wayne Ave., Akron, OH 44301.

In Memory Of

Harold S. Younkin

Harold Sydney Younkin, 83, of Cottonwood, Ariz., died Nov. 16, 1992, at Marcus J. Lawrence Hospital in Cottonwood, Ariz.

He was born in Los Angeles, Calif., and lived in Pomona, Calif., for 80 years.

Retired, he was a foreman for Arden Farms Dairy for 42 years.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Pomona. He was a member of Cottonwood Senior Center and active in the Alzheimers Support Group at Kachina Pointe, Sedona, Ariz.

Mr. Younkin is survived by his wife, Ruth; two daughters, Donna Neuleib of Cornville, Ariz., and Paula Younkin of Seattle, Wash; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Pomona Valley Memorial Park. [Harold Younkin⁷, Homer A. Younkin⁶, Singleton Younkin⁵, Isaac Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]



Harold S. and Ruth Younkin
1990

Verna Younkin

Verna Parr Younkin, 90, retired teacher, died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1993. Services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12, at the De Vorss Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary.

She is survived by son, Paul of Wichita; and a daughter, Ruth E. Wamsley of Sweetwater, TN; a sister, Bernice DeVorss of Wichita; four grandchildren; seven great grandchildren.

[Verna (Parr) Younkin, wife of Grover Cleveland Younkin⁶. Grover, son of Thaddeus Younkin⁵, was born in 1892/93 — Charles L. Younkin⁴, George Younkin³, John Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹] [Source: *Wichita Eagle*, 11 Feb 1993, submitted by Melvin & Della Shafer, Haysville, KS]

Alna Younkin

Alna E. Younkin, 100, Ashville, Ohio, died Feb. 27, 1993, at Berger Hospital.

Born Nov. 10, 1892, in Vinton County, daughter of William and Rachel Tatman Dudleson.

Among those preceding her in death were her husband, Fred Younkin; son Robert; and three infants.

She is survived by son, Delano of Ashville; daughters, Maxine Younkin of Ashville and Ermalee (Howard) Shumate of Mt. Sterling; nine grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren.

She was a 55-year member of Ashville Church of Christ in Christian Union, where she served as Sunday school teacher for many years. Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery with the Rev. Kenneth Fuller officiating.

[Fred Younkin⁷, Horton Howard Younkin⁶, William Younkin⁵, William Younkin⁴, Jacob Younkin³, John M. Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Walter Robertson

Services were held for Walter F. Robertson, of Akron, Ohio, on January 11, 1993. Mr. Robertson died January 7, 1993, after an extended illness.

He was born March 25, 1911, in Somerset County, Pa., a son of Adam A. and Louisa C. (May) Robertson.

Survived by his wife, Helen Ruth (Miller) Robertson, whom he married 6 Sept 1936 in Canton, Ohio. Also surviving are three children: Helen Joanne Martin, Walter R. and Dale Lynn Robertson and six grandchildren.

Interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Akron. [Walter Robertson⁷, Adam Robertson⁶, Louisa (May) Robertson⁵, Silas May⁴, Catherine (Younkin) May³, ?]



Walter and Helen Robertson at the 1991 Younkin Reunion

Kansas Cousins Make '92 Reunion a Family Affair!



Back row: Hiram Baxter, Chip Younkin, Ada Mae (Hahn) Frye, Dorothy (Kerbs) Younkin, Lawrence "Jr." Schneck, Merrill Younkin. Front row: (Patricia Younkin) Baxter, C. George Younkin, Florence Jo (Hahn) Widener, Donna (Younkin) Atkeson, Janice (Younkin) Schneck, Carolee (Younkin) Vinson, Harold Younkin. C. George, Merrill, and Patricia are children of Charles F. Younkin, son of John Deitz Younkin. Chip is the son of C. George Younkin. Harold is the son of John King Younkin, son of John Deitz Younkin. Janice Schneck, Carolee Vinson and Donna Atkeson are daughters of Donald John Younkin, son of William E. Younkin, son of John Deitz Younkin. [John Deitz Younkin⁴, Samuel Younkin³, Jacob Younkin², Henrich Junghen¹]

Janice Younkin Schneck wrote to me shortly after the 1992 reunion and told me she had written an 11-page journal of her family's trip to the reunion. I asked if I might publish parts of it, so here it is...

Dear Donna,

We really had a great time in Pennsylvania in August! If you think reading some of this letter will influence Younkins to make the trip, you may publish some or all of it.

The story behind the story... we three sisters, Donna Atkeson of Haysville, KS., Carolee Vinson of Oneida, IL. and myself, Janice Schneck and IMAY husband Lawrence "Jr." were in our 92-year-old mother, Ellen Younkin's apartment on June 2nd. We were wishing we could all go together to Pennsylvania for the Younkin reunion and meet all these interesting "cousins" D.Y.L. writes about in the YFNB. The air fare war was going on... Carolee got on the "800" line and Jr., I and Donna all got round trip tickets from Wichita to Pittsburgh... then drive east to Bucks County, be back in Somerset Friday afternoon, August 21, and fly back to Wichita on Sunday am August 23rd, as school was beginning... Carolee wanted to drive and do research on our great great grandfather Samuel Younkin in Ohio and Indiana on the way home. She would be able to take her research books to help up in Bucks County too. The letter was written to share our trip experiences with mother and our two

uncles... Charles Younkin, age 89 of Lake Placid, FL, and Willis Younkin, age 85 of Victoria, TX.

Monday August 17—We arrived at the Wichita Airport and our plane left right on time arriving in Pittsburgh at 4:04 p.m. Donna took pictures of us every step of the way.

Tuesday August 18—It was a foggy misty morning. Today is Jr.'s and my 43rd wedding anniversary! We got on the Pennsylvania Turnpike... We arrived at Gettysburg and followed our maps to the National Park Center and Museum. Near the Dwight D. Eisenhower farm we climbed a 70' tower and saw smoke coming from guns fired during the making of the movie "Killer Angels". An "extra" told us about the procedure and the movie stars!!! We drove on to Lancaster and spent the night at our reserved hotel. ...

[They continued their travels on Wednesday across Pennsylvania, through the Amish country (including a tour), Schnecksville (where Jr.'s family is from!), and through to Bucks County]

Thursday August 20—we drove the short way to Quakertown and met Carolee at the Quakertown Best Western. Carolee was able to take many of her reference books with her and with those and my maps we planned our "Younkin" day. We first drove south on 313 to Ridge Road. We then drove east on Ridge until we came to our ancestral Keller's Church, now known as St. Matthews Lutheran Church. Thanks to D.Y.L.'s photos we found Catherine and Henry

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Younkin's gravestones. His stone is barely legible and has a chip off of the upper left corner. It looks to be a fairly soft stone and small. Catherine's stone is of white marble (?) and easy to read.

The road we were traveling on followed the south side of Lake Nockamixon. The 88 acres that Henry Younkin farmed, just east and north of the church is now mostly under water.

We then drove to the Bucks County Historical Museum and Library. The helpers in charge were glad to answer questions and soon Donna, Carolee and I were busy looking for books of Younkin history...

Friday August 21—Today is Carolee and Ralph's anniversary! We loaded our cars and planned our route to Hershey Chocolate World at Hershey, Pa. ...We arrived at Somerset and found the Ramada Inn, a short distance off the turnpike. We first noticed the sign "Welcome Younkin Family Reunion"...then saw Donna and Carolee walking to their car. They had just checked in and were going around to their room. They were laughing and told us they'd gotten in trouble! It seems they somehow missed the Somerset exit (talking), noticed the red light come on for their gas gauge, and tried to figure out a way out of their dilemma. Carolee pulled over to use one of the roadside phones, when she & Donna noticed a crossover area on the turnpike. They carefully crossed the lanes of traffic and got on the other side, heading for Somerset, again. They began wondering what the tollbooth attendant would charge them, since they were going the wrong way?? Carolee told him their sad story and he only charged them the \$4.80 saying, "Lady, that's the first time I ever heard that story!"

While I was waiting at the front desk to check in...Donna Younkin Logan stopped by the desk to ask about a baggage cart to help carry all her books, boxes, bags, etc. I introduced myself and told her I'd recognized her son and daughter outside in their car. Later she told me that they were upset with her because everyone knew who they were since she'd "plastered" their pictures all over the YFNB. We checked into our room and called Carolee & Donna and went in search of "Younkins."

The Hospitality Room was set up in the hotel courtyard. A "cousin" Loretta Adams Kelldorf, came by with Younkin Family Reunion Badges in bright colors. Since I had contributed recipes to Roger Younkin for the cookbook, I got a badge. Since Jr. had an IMAY tee-shirt made for the picnic, he got a badge. Donna Logan passed out family crest tee shirts and sweat shirts people had ordered. We met Younkin relatives, looked at Donna Logan's books and studied the family charts.

Saturday August 22—We awoke to a lovely day! Carolee, Donna, Jr. and I joined Florence Jo, Ada Mae and Harold Younkin in the motel dining room for breakfast together. At the picnic site we joined one of the two tour groups. Ours was led by Everett Sechler. We were to visit cemeteries and a church...traveling in both Upper Turkeyfoot and Lower Turkeyfoot Townships. We traveled lots of rolling hills covered with trees, narrow, winding roads and rocky ground. Everything seemed green!

We were most impressed with the old, old cemeteries. They had been lovingly cared for (a lot of donated time and equipment). It was a thrill to see Jacob's burial place in person and have our pictures taken behind his stone, with its bronze Revolutionary War marker and American Flag.

Our guide had arranged for us to go inside the Jersey Baptist Church for the telling of its history. Everett's son rang the old church bell.

Back to the IOOF Picnic Grove, with its portable toilets, long covered tables, all ages of Younkins and the IMAYs and activities going in all directions. Most of us had a question or two for D.Y.L. or Larry. The charts were on poles for us to photograph or copy, family record books were available to research, and so many old family pictures. We tried to meet as many people as possible...looking at names tags with Jacob Younkin's color dot (red). Mostly we visited with some of the 13 in our own family group (see photograph, page on 15).

Ed Younkin and a helper from Connellsville, Pa. were there with Ed's helicopter to give rides at an area north of the park. I had seen the helicopter and pickup truck (loaded with fuel), parked with red markers surrounding it, behind the Ramada Inn that morning when we were loading the car and wondered...since he had appeared at the 1991 picnic. There was no charge for the rides and long lines formed. Jr. would not put on his IMAY tee shirt until necessary...after we noticed Hy Baxter wearing a white cap he had won for his tee shirt, Jr. finally put on the tee shirt and we located Larry Logan, Donna and several other people who took Jr.'s picture...front and back. Larry awarded Jr. a white IMAY Reunion 1992 cap, too!

The catered picnic dinner was around 5 p.m. a video camera was manned by IMAY Larry Logan and each person was asked to give their name, hometown and Younkin ancestor as they passed by in the line for food. The tables were attractive, the food plentiful.

Following the meal, Merrill gathered our Younkin group together for a picture. Around 6 p.m. with the video camera recording Donna began the program moderated by Tom Younkin of Ashland, Ohio. Prizes, yellow ceramic mugs with YOUNKIN FAMILY REUNION 1992 lettered in black, were awarded to many people. The mugs were donated by Tom. The longest married went to Jr. and I for 43 years...since it was so late, a lot of the older, longer married couples had left.

Soon it was time to load our cars, tell our new and old family "goodbye", give Donna and Larry Logan our "thank you" package, tell them how great the day had been and how much we'd like to stay for Sunday...and how much we appreciated our host "cousin's" hard work. It was time to head for Pittsburgh. We waved goodbye to our sister Carolee at Somerset.

[On her way back to Illinois, Carolee did quite a bit of research on their Younkin line which, thanks to Carolee's generous contribution, will be in the next issue of the YFNB. —DYL]

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amazement she not only found several references to the Younkin family in old history books, she also found a descendant of this line and called him and wrote out three generations of his family for me during their phone call. We all owe a debt of gratitude to this non-Younkin researcher who helped us just because she enjoys genealogy so much and wants to help others.

This morning a Prodigy member posted a message asking if I have *any* information on a Jacob Younkin who married Sarah Weimer or the Elizabeth Weimer who married Henry Younkin—I haven't answered this one yet...

Well, I hope you have enjoyed sharing this experience with me, as I said at the beginning, it's been a lot of fun gathering our cousins with all this "New Age Technology."